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General Bernard A. Schriever
Commanding General
United States Air Force Systems Command
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bonnie:

I have discussed with my senior officials your kind offer to provide a briefing on the approach AFSC is taking in researching "Emotional Determinants of Action" (EDA). I find that a number of our components would be interested, and I have asked Dr. Albert D. Wheelon, my Deputy Director for Science and Technology, to coordinate our interests and to develop mutually satisfactory arrangements for the briefing with General Richardson.

Your recommendation that the briefing be conducted this week raises some difficulties. A number of the people who are most interested in learning of your work in EDA are absent at this time, and I believe it would be most convenient for all concerned if the meeting is postponed to the week of 28 June. I am not certain that I will be able to participate personally, but I do want to express my appreciation to you for bringing this interesting area of research to my attention and for your offer to share the benefits of your work with us.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

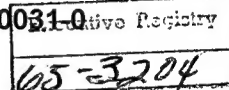
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Deputy Director for Science & Technology

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Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Ret.
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Red:

You will recall during our discussion the other day that I mentioned to you an effort we have under way to review the state-of-the-art in the area of conflict that lies between the direct application of force and conscious persuasion typified by psychological warfare, C&D, and economic and political warfare.

For lack of a better term we have referred to this area of possible conflict as that of "Emotional Determinants of Action" (EDA).


Our interest in this area stems from the fact that there are certain techniques directly applicable to aerospace offensive and defensive operations, such as the use of pyrotechnics to confuse or momentarily blind pilots engaged in low altitude attack. Some of these techniques including sound effects from aircraft and falling bombs, were investigated during World War II, but little has been done since then to determine whether modern technology cannot produce useful results particularly in COIN and sub-limited war situations.

We are of the opinion that this whole area of operations has suffered in the past from the lack of an overall conceptual approach, that defines it and separates it from what is generally understood to be psychological warfare on the one hand, and counterinsurgency on the other. As such, the possibilities in this area have not been subjected to a systematic R&D effort designed to develop, test and make available a broad spectrum of capabilities for use by all of us depending on the nature of our respective requirements and missions.

With the above thoughts in mind, and the need to pull together within AFSC certain random research efforts which fall in this general category of operations, my Plans staff has developed a briefing which puts EDA into an overall concept, and places it into the spectrum of conflict as a separate entity, as a first step towards defining a "systems" approach to researching and developing the possibilities for future applications, particularly where they are of interest to aerospace. Since some of the techniques involved are clearly of interest to you, and since our interest is primarily in the R&D effort and not in operations per se, I believe that you would find our presentation interesting and that it might be worthwhile for us to subsequently discuss the possibility of establishing at least informal liaison in this area through which we can mutually support each other. If you agree I will ask General Richardson in my Plans staff to contact your office and arrange to brief you on what our thinking is, and what we are doing in this area, as a first step towards future collaboration.

In view of the fact that the key people concerned will be in Europe with me from the 12th until the 25th of June, I would hope that we might be able to arrange the briefing prior to my departure, possibly during the week of 7 June.

Sincerely,



B. A. SCHRIEVER
General, USAF
Commander

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Kinpatrick *LPTC*

DCI and DDCI have noted. Request DDS&T and other interested offices draft reply for DCI signature which would accept for DCI and appropriate staff, leaving DCI an out. That is, if anyone else wants the briefing.



W. Elder

5 June 65

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